

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

PORTABLE MICROPROCESSOR-ASSISTED DATA CARRIER THAT

CAN BE USED WITH OR WITHOUT CONTACTS

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, this communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A Petition with fee for a three month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith, making this response timely filed by the three month extended due date of August 13, 2003.

Applicant requests reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page $\underline{6}$ of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: